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Title of Invention: Customer Checkout Accelerator  
Inventors (please provide full names): John Gerkin, Thomas Prorock, and William Werdel

Earliest Pri. Filing Date: 9/28/00

## Notes:

This invention attempts to accelerate the checkout process at a point of sale terminal by utilizing the idle time spent waiting in line. While waiting in line, a customer accesses a network system to get preapproval for a future transaction. The preapproval notification is stored in the point of sale terminal in anticipation of a future transaction. If the customer exceeds the preapproval amount, then the point of sale terminal requests an additional amount to be authorized. This invention reduces the checkout time because the transaction process does not include the normal wait for credit approval. Additionally, this invention allows the customer to access promotions on the network system while waiting in line. The customer is able to purchase items over the Internet while waiting.

US Patent 5,010,485 solves the same problem but fails to include some of the advanced features, such as dynamically requesting approval when the customer's transaction exceeds the original preapproval amount. Additionally, '485 fails to show allowing the customer to shop via promotions while waiting in line.

Possible Keywords: preapproval, preapprove, payment, transaction, credit card, debit card, smart card, checkout point of sale, POS, wait, que, network, Internet, promotion, promotional

I have attached a copy of the ABSTRACT, SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION AND CLAIM 1.

Classification: 705/17

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          (c) 2003 JPO & JAPIO  
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S2	0	S1(3N)(PREAPPROV?(CREDIT? OR PAYMENT?))
S3	0	S1(5N)(PREAPPROV?(CREDIT? OR PAYMENT?))
S4	0	S1(10N)(PREAPPROV?(CREDIT? OR PAYMENT?))
S5	1101	S1(5N)(CARD()READER?)(5N)(TERMINAL? ? OR APPARATUS OR DEVI- CE? ? OR STAND()ALONE? OR TOUCH()SCREEN?)
S6	0	S5(5N)PREAPPROV?
S7	15	S1(5N)(PRE()APPROV?)
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**Method and apparatus for credit card verification**  
**Verfahren und Vorrichtung zur Kreditkartenechtheitsprüfung**  
**Methode et appareil pour la verification de cartes de credit**  
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EP 612040 B1 981209

APPLICATION (CC, No, Date): EP 94420045 940211;

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DESIGNATED STATES: DE; FR; GB

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CLAIMS B	(English)	9850	610
CLAIMS B	(German)	9850	536
CLAIMS B	(French)	9850	675
SPEC B	(English)	9850	2288
Total word count - document A			0
Total word count - document B			4109
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00380371 Supplier Number: 48181185 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)

**Bellcore Launches Soliant Internet Systems 12/15/97**

Newsbytes, pN/A

Dec 15, 1997

Language: English Record Type: Fulltext

Document Type: Newswire; General Trade

Word Count: 530

... substantial amounts of money for companies by eliminating costs  
associated with paper-based purchase orders ( POs ).

Information from **pre - approved** suppliers is placed in electronic  
catalog, residing inside the corporate firewall on an Oracle database...

7/3,K/3 (Item 2 from file: 16)  
DIALOG(R)File 16:Gale Group PROMT(R)  
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04933506 Supplier Number: 47250943 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)

**Apollo Travel Services Marks a New Era in Travel Management**

Business Travel News, p120

March 31, 1997

Language: English Record Type: Fulltext  
Document Type: Tabloid; Trade  
Word Count: 930

... operating systems, third-party software and in-house E-mail systems.

TravelScreen Plus is a **point -of- sale** preferencing tool that displays only **pre - approved** vendors. Displays can be made specific to each corporate traveler's individual profile, specific to...

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04263879 Supplier Number: 46246200 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)  
**APOLLO TRAVEL SERVICES: TECHNOLOGY FOR SUCCESS**  
Business Travel News, p124  
March 25, 1996  
Language: English Record Type: Fulltext  
Document Type: Tabloid; Trade  
Word Count: 1053

... accommodate your existing system.'

At the next level are products such as TravelScreen Plus, a **point -of- sale** preferencing tool that displays only **pre - approved** vendors. That control comes hand-in-hand with flexibility: Displays can be made specific to...

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DIALOG(R)File 148:Gale Group Trade & Industry DB  
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08996916 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 18672132 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)  
**Technology lightens the load for truckers.(electronic weighing and clearance systems)**  
American City & County, v111, n10, p19(2)  
Sep, 1996  
ISSN: 0149-337X LANGUAGE: English RECORD TYPE: Fulltext; Abstract  
WORD COUNT: 696 LINE COUNT: 00060

... in-cab transponder lets drivers know if they can bypass the weigh station.

By allowing **pre - approved** trucks to bypass **waiting lines** at weigh stations, both Prepass and Advantage CVO provide freight haulers with a safer and...

**7/3,K/6 (Item 2 from file: 148)**  
DIALOG(R)File 148:Gale Group Trade & Industry DB  
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07244891 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 15395553 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)  
**Home Depot Expo opens in Atlanta. (Home Depot Inc.; Expo Design Center)**  
Building Supply Home Centers, v166, n3, p20(2)  
March, 1994  
ISSN: 0890-9008 LANGUAGE: ENGLISH RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT; ABSTRACT  
WORD COUNT: 395 LINE COUNT: 00031

... rooms for private meetings with clients, special store hours reserved for commercial customers, free sample **check out**, **pre - approved** checking, and availability of Expo project coordinators to facilitate installation of products and completion of...

7/3,K/7 (Item 1 from file: 160)  
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01803059

**The other side: Sales culture at Walmart means thinking like customers**  
Bank Marketing Magazine October, 1987 p. 78  
ISSN: 0888-3194

... minimum needed to keep them. Walmart managers show their empathy with customers waiting in long **check - out** lines by **pre - approving** checks, chatting with them, answering questions and handing out coffee and soft drinks. ...

7/3,K/8 (Item 1 from file: 275)  
DIALOG(R)File 275:Gale Group Computer DB(TM)  
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02126959 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 20077554 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)  
**Bellcore Launches Soliant Internet Systems.**  
Newsbytes, pNEW12150020  
Dec 15, 1997  
LANGUAGE: English RECORD TYPE: Fulltext  
WORD COUNT: 563 LINE COUNT: 00049

... substantial amounts of money for companies by eliminating costs associated with paper-based purchase orders ( **POs** ).  
Information from **pre - approved** suppliers is placed in electronic catalog, residing inside the corporate firewall on an Oracle database...

7/3,K/9 (Item 1 from file: 636)  
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03778428 Supplier Number: 48181185 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)  
**Bellcore Launches Soliant Internet Systems 12/15/97**  
Newsbytes, pN/A  
Dec 15, 1997  
Language: English Record Type: Fulltext  
Document Type: Newswire; General Trade  
Word Count: 530

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DIALOG(R)File 9:Business & Industry(R)  
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2019474 Supplier Number: 02019474 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULLTEXT)  
**Bellcore Launches Soliant Internet Systems**  
**(Bellcore launches Soliant Internet Systems, and products Soliant ADNS**  
**(Advanced Domain Name Server) and Soliant Purchaser 1.0; Soliant to**  
**address Internet telephony, net commerce, and evolving networks)**  
Newsbytes News Network, p N/A  
December 15, 1997  
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal ISSN: 0983-1592 (United States)  
LANGUAGE: English RECORD TYPE: Fulltext  
WORD COUNT: 523

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TEXT:

...substantial amounts of money for companies by eliminating costs associated with paper-based purchase orders ( POs ). Information from **pre - approved** suppliers is placed in electronic catalog, residing inside the corporate firewall on an Oracle database...

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01290774 99-40170

**Technology lightens the load for truckers**

Anonymous

American City & County vllln10 PP: 19-20 Sep 1996

ISSN: 0149-337X JRNL CODE: AMC

WORD COUNT: 646

...TEXT: in-cab transponder lets drivers know if they can bypass the weigh station.

By allowing **pre - approved** trucks to bypass **waiting lines** at weigh stations, both PrePass and Advantage CVO provide freight haulers with a safer and...

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25357859 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULLTEXT)

**Homebuyers Endure Lines, Lottery for Spot in Sacramento, Calif., Development**

Cameron Jahn

KRTBN KNIGHT-RIDDER TRIBUNE BUSINESS NEWS (SACRAMENTO BEE - CALIFORNIA)

October 05, 2002

JOURNAL CODE: KSAB LANGUAGE: English RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT

WORD COUNT: 1041

(USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULLTEXT)

... new home in the Sacramento area. Having enough money often doesn't cut it anymore. **Pre - approved** loans are usually mandatory, long **waits** in **line** are typical, and the commonly used lottery system still gives the buyer just an iffy...

7/3,K/13 (Item 2 from file: 20)  
DIALOG(R)File 20:Dialog Global Reporter  
(c) 2003 The Dialog Corp. All rts. reserv.

11434467 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULLTEXT)

**PROJECTS PROFILE DATA WAREHOUSING AND CUSTOMER RELATIONSHIP MANAGEMENT - IT AT WORK.**

MANAGEMENT CONSULTANCY

June 09, 2000

JOURNAL CODE: WMNC LANGUAGE: English RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT

WORD COUNT: 1375

(USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULLTEXT)

... We are increasing our business capacity because as a certain



percentage of our customers are **pre - approved** at the **point of sale** ,  
we can deal with even more customers."

SAS consultancy team manager, and project manager on...

7/3,K/14 (Item 1 from file: 570)  
DIALOG(R)File 570:Gale Group MARS(R)  
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01021958 Supplier Number: 40178183  
**The other side: Sales culture at Walmart means thinking like customers**  
Bank Marketing, v19, n10, p78  
Oct, 1987  
ISSN: 0888-3149  
Language: English Record Type: Abstract  
Document Type: Magazine/Journal; Trade

ABSTRACT:

...minimum needed to keep them. Walmart managers show their empathy with  
customers waiting in long **check - out** lines by **pre - approving** checks,  
chatting with them, answering questions and handing out coffee and soft  
drinks. ...

7/3,K/15 (Item 1 from file: 704)  
DIALOG(R)File 704:(Portland)The Oregonian  
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05190177  
**PANEL SUGGESTS WAYS TO KEEP GUNS FROM CRIMINALS, DERANGED**  
OREGONIAN (PO) - SUNDAY July 9, 1989  
By: NICHOLAS M. HORROCK - Chicago Tribune News Service  
Edition: FOURTH Section: Wire Stories Page: A15  
Word Count: 1,251

... The options the report lists are divided between checks that would  
identify felons at the **point of sale** vs. those involving a **pre -**  
**approval** procedure.

The firearms industry historically has opposed gun control systems that  
require waiting periods or...

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01287824 Supplier Number: 41504448 (USE FORMAT 7 FOR FULLTEXT)  
**Raley's Rolls Out Electronic Card System**  
Supermarket News, p6  
August 20, 1990  
Language: English Record Type: Fulltext  
Document Type: Magazine/Journal; Trade  
Word Count: 589

... like the convenience of charging their grocery purchases, provided it can be done directly at **checkout** without **pre - approvals** at a courtesy desk," said Tronson.

"Other supermarket chains have tested electronic credit card systems

...

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04819892 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 09385661 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)  
**Raley's rolls out electronic card system. (credit card and debit card payment systems offered to customers)**  
Alaimo, Dan  
Supermarket News, v40, n34, p6(2)  
August 20, 1990  
ISSN: 0039-5803 LANGUAGE: ENGLISH RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT  
WORD COUNT: 627 LINE COUNT: 00049

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03326530 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 06060333 (USE FORMAT 7 OR 9 FOR FULL TEXT)  
**Winn-Dixie OKs new check system. (check approval machine system)**  
Zimmerman, Susan  
Supermarket News, v37, n43, p36(1)  
Oct 26, 1987  
ISSN: 0039-5803 LANGUAGE: ENGLISH RECORD TYPE: FULLTEXT  
WORD COUNT: 589 LINE COUNT: 00048

... that customers like the system. Stephens said the system speeds the check-approval process and **checkout**. Because customers electronically **pre - approve** their checks as they enter the store, they do not perceive the procedure as part...